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SUBJECT: APRIL 11 EA DAILY CABLE SUMMARY

1. ITEM I: PRC FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA MEETS CODEL
BRADEMAS/SCHWEIKER. (CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)
FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA RECEIVED CODEL BRADEMAS/SCHWEIK-
ER FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS APRIL 11 AND HOSTED AN INFORMAL
LUNCH. DURING THE MEETING AND OVER LUNCH, HUANG STATED
THE PRC'S FAMILIAR POSITION ON NORMALIZATION QUITE FULLY,
REITERATING THAT NO PRC LEADER WOULD VISIT THE U.S. WHILE
THE "CHIANG CLIQUE" HAS AN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT
LACK OF NORMAL RELATIONS PUTS LIMITS ON SINO-U.S. EXCHANGES.
BECAUSE OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES" ON TAIWAN, HUANG SAID,
"IT SEEMS TO BE IMPERATIVE TO RESORT TO ARMS TO LIBERATE
TAIWAN." HE SAID SOME AMERICANS WANT TO ASK CHINA TO
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UNDERTAKE AN OBLIGATION NOT-TO USE FORCE (AGAINST TAIWAN)
BUT THIS CONSTITUTES INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL CHINESE
AFFAIRS AND RUNS COUNTER TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

ASKED HIS VIEWS ON THE PRESIDENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY,
HUANG SPOKE AS IF THE PROBLEM EXISTED SOLELY IN THE SOVIET
UNION. THERE, HE MAINTAINED, THE QUESTION IS NOT HUMAN

RIGHTS, BUT WHEN THE SOVIET PEOPLE WILL RISE UP AGAINST

"FASCIST RULE AT HOME AND EXPANSION ABROAD." HUANG'S COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING HELSINKI AND DISARMAMENT, WERE ALONG STANDARD LINES. HE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM AND APPROVINGLY QUOTED MRS. THATCHER'S VIEW THAT SOVIET DOMINATION OF THE AREA WOULD BE A THREAT TO THE WEST.

2. ITEM II: GWERTZMAN STORY ON NIXON'S PLEDGE TO THE PRC. (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE NEW YORK TIMES APRIL 11 FRONTPAGE AN ARTICLE BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTING THAT EX-PRESIDENT NIXON, DURING HIS 1972 TRIP TO PEKING, TOLD THE CHINESE THAT HE INTENDED TO NORMALIZE TIES DURING HIS SECOND TERM. GWERTZMAN SAID THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS LEARNED OF NIXON'S "PLEDGE" WHILE GOING OVER TOP-SECRET DOCUMENTS IN THE COURSE OF FORMULATING THEIR OWN CHINA POLICY, AND THEY SPECULATE NIXON'S INTENT WAS SPOILED BY WATERGATE. THE STORY REPORTS CARTER OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT NIXON'S STATEMENT IS RECORDED IN A NIXON-CHOU MEMCON AS A NON-BINDING STATEMENT OF INTENT. GWERTZMAN SPECULATES THAT THE NIXON'S "PLEDGE" IS ONE REASON FOR PRC UNHAPPINESS WITH WHAT THEY REGARD AS U.S. FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

HE NOTES HOWEVER THAT CHINESE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND GWERTZMAN CITES OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT THE CHINESE - CONFIDENTIAL

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PROBABLY ASSUME WE ARE AWARE OF THE STATEMENT, AND ARE TOO PROUD TO MENTION IT. GWERTZMAN NOTES THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS REAFFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO LIVE UP TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, BUT STILL HAS NOT DECIDED ON DETAILS OF ITS CHINA POLICY. HE STATES THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND NSC ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI HAVE ADVISED THE PRESIDENT TO DEAL WITH THE PRC LATER, TREATING THE MID-EAST/PANAMA/CYPRUS/ARMS TALKS AS PRIORITY ITEMS.

GWERTZMAN SAYS THE DISPATCH OF CHIP CARTER SEEMS THE BEST ALTERNATIVE WAY TO SIGNAL TO THE PRC OUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND ADDS THAT SECRETARY VANCE PLANS TO VISIT PEKING AROUND NOVEMBER, BY WHICH TIME OFFICIALS WILL HAVE DECIDED HOW TO RESOLVE THE NORMALIZATION PROBLEM WITHOUT DESTROYING TAIWAN.

3. ITEM III: COVERAGE OF SENATOR GOLDWATER'S TAIPEI ARRIVAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)
EMBASSY TAIPEI REPORTS LOCAL PRESS STORIES QUOTING

VISITING SENATOR GOLDWATER AS SAYING THAT HE SEES NO NEED FOR WASHINGTON TO RECOGNIZE PEKING AND ALTER THE MUTUAL

DEFENSE TREATY BECAUSE "TO ME, THIS (THE ROC) IS CHINA." GOLDWATER ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT "BETRAY" TAIWAN AND INTIMATED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER "AS A CONSERVATIVE" WOULD NOT ACTIVELY PUSH NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING.

4. ITEM IV: LDP REPROCESSING MISSION TO U.S. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE RULING LDP HAS DECIDED TO SEND A TWO-MAN MISSION TO WASHINGTON AROUND APRIL 15 TO PRESENT JAPANESE REPROCESSING VIEWS DIRECTLY TO CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES. SO FAR, THE DELEGATION HAS NO PLANS TO SEE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR TOGO REPORTEDLY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MISSION SEE SENATORS JACKSON, CONFIDENTIAL

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RIBICOFF, GLENN, BAKER AND PERCY, AND REPRESENTATIVES MCCORMICK, J.B. ANDERSON, BINGHAM, UDALL AND ZABLOCKI.

5. ITEM V: JAPANESE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA VISITS KUALA LUMPUR. (CONFIDENTIAL)
DURING HIS STOP IN KUALA LUMPUR ON HIS POST-CARTER/FUKUDA SUMMIT BRIEFING MISSION, JAPANESE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA REASSURED THE MALAYSIANS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN ITS BASIC POLICY TOWARD ASIA AND CONFIRMED THAT JAPAN GIVES A HIGHER PRIORITY TO ASEAN THAN TO INDOCHINA IN ITS SOUTHEAST ASIAN POLICY. A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR THAT THE TRIP WAS PURELY A JAPANESE INITIATIVE CONCEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA.
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